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1. IN 14 MARCH LUNCH WITH ITALIAN DELREP CAVAGLIERI
AND HIS DEPUTY MIGLIUOLO, DELREP MOORE AND DELOFFS
DUGGER AND AKE DISCUSSED PROPOSED EXTENSION OF ITALIAN
TERRITORIAL WATERS (SEE REFTEL) EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER
EFFECTS OF UNILATERAL EXTENSIONS ON LOS NEGOTIATIONS.
ITALIANS STATED PROPOSED EXTENSION UNLIKELY TO HAVE ANY
EFFECT, SINCE MORE THAN A YEAR NORMALLY REQUIRED FOR
PARLIAMENTARY PROCESSING BEFORE ENACTMENT, AND GOI WOULD
CONSIDER FURTHER DELAYING PROGRESS OF LEGISLATION IF
NECESSARY TO AVOID UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS, AGREEING THAT
UNILATERAL ACTIONS NOT HELPFUL. IF LEGISLATION SHOULD
PASS SOONER THAN ANTICIPATED, STATEMENT COULD BE MADE
OF GOI POSITION THAT INTERNATIONAL STRAITS HAVE SPECIAL
STATUS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ARE NOTE AFFECTED BY
TERRITORIAL WATERS EXTENSIONS. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION OF
GOI STRATIS POSITION, MIGLIUOLO REAFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR
FREE TRANSIT, EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF SIXTH FLEET TO
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ITALY' S DEFENSE, BUT STATING CAVEAT THAT STRAITS LESS
THEN SIX MILES WIDE SHOULD BE EXCLUDED, CITING PARTICULARLY

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STRAITS OF MESSINA WHERE PROBLEM WILL BECOME EVEN MORE ACUTE WHEN PLANNED BRIDGE IS BULIT OVER STRAITS, REQUIRING FURTHER REFULATION OF NAVIGATION.

2. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION 15 MARCH, CAVAGLIERI STATED THAT NOTHING IN THE LEGISLATION OR MATERIAL ACCOMPANYING IT DEALT WITH STRAITS.

3. WITH REPSECT TO FISHERIES, MIGILUOLO SAID THAT GOI REGARDED THE SPECIES APPROACH INCREASINGLY ATTRACTIVE, THAT THEY DID NOT LIKE ZONES, AND THAT THEIR FISHERIES SITUATION HAD MUCH IN COMMON WITH THAT OF THE U. S.
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